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Socialism depends upon truth and education.

The Clark daily papers appear to be "butting in" on the Heinze-Amalgamated trouble to a great extent.

Some of the leading eastern papers are announcing to their readers to keep their eyes on the Socialist movement, as it is growing with alarming rapidity.

Nearly every reasonable politician believes that the reorganizers will capture the machinery of the national democratic convention. In such an event the Bryan-Hearst forces will be watched with interest.

The National bank of Elk City, Oklahoma has been closed by the comptroller of currency and the yap who has been supporting the present system that makes national banks safe—safe for the banker—is now holding the sack and looking for his deposits.

Judging from Bryan's interview in Dallas, Texas the other day as to the national convention, there is nothing sure but that he will bolt that convention if his platform is not adopted and his candidate nominated. It is hardly possible that Bryan can dictate the platform to the democratic convention soon to be convened at St. Louis.

The grim reaper of death, says the dispatches has gathered in Matt Quay of Pennsylvania. It is useless to attempt to say much about him for he is now dead and gone to—to meet Mark Hanna. Political boodling had been his suit for many years. And possibly he is not so much to blame as the common rabble that he lead around by the nose for a few paltry dollars or official office sop.

John A. Smith (colored) a member of the carpenters union in the east has brought suit against the order because of the fact that white men refuse to work with him. It's dollars to doughnuts that the negro is whiter than that "free American" white man who refuses to work with him. But that is about the depth of unionism as advocated by the average unionist, provided he has not become class conscious.

The late report that Russia has offered to withdraw from Manchuria under certain stipulations sounds as if the end of the war might be in sight. But even if it is, what has the laboring class of Japan or Russia accomplished? Countless numbers slain and multiplied countless numbers to return to a slave system that is even worse than death. The direct fruits of capitalism the world over.

The Methodists have staid solidly by their old admonitions of many of the evil sports, such as dancing, etc., and the young folks of that church must bear in mind that tripping the light fantastic is sufficient crime in the eyes of the maker to place them on the grate in the hereafter. Cut it out girls and simply attend church to listen to a man tell of the glories of the future life for so much gold per. And when he gets a raise in salary listen to him tell how the "Lord has called him to a new field." Yes the Lord has to stand lots of these sacrilegious utterances.

Cyrus E. McRaddy and Alfred C. Parker both of national bank fame—famous for the "busting" part of the deal have been sentenced to prison for five years. They stole through the system hundreds of thousands of dollars; the poor man who stole a few postage stamps got life. This is some of the fruit of the glorious system. And during all this the country is full of prosperity. 'Rah! 'Rah!! 'Rah!!! for the redemocran parties which have been in power for forty years.

That Supreme Court Decision.

The late decision by the United States Supreme court knocks the stuffing out of the fellow-servant bill, of which you have heard so much empty democratic-republican talk of in past campaigns.

It has been rendered by this plutocratic, capitalistic slot machine court, in the case of the murder of a fireman on the railroad. The robbed hirelings have decided that the fellow-servant fireman was an employee under another fellow-servant operator employee, and consequently the fireman's death was due to the negligence of the operator and not the company. You see during the murder of the fireman by the railroad, the operator was not a part of the active ingredient of the railroad company, but the fireman according to the decision was, in plain language with the technical phraseology of the court torn off, murdered by the carelessness of the operator. But then the laboring people have elected hirelings to office to appoint tools of the money power, and as judges render decisions by past precedent and money considerations, it is no more than can be expected.

The whole proposition shows clearly that if the people desire to have the law interpreted rightly they must elect men from their own ranks. The republican papers have offered the editorial suggestion that probably this decision will act as a set back in the active efforts of the past in urging electors to pledge themselves to a bill of this kind. Such is not the case the people will move onward and upward and in the next few years will awake—come to their senses and, elect people of the laboring class who will not render decisions so much per.

Such unreasonable moves and decisions as these are sure the casus belli which will disrupt the whole rotten system in the near future.

Landlordism in Heaven

I know they preach to us the blessings of poverty, but I never could see it in that light. Bishop Matz of Denver recently preached a wonderful sermon on the blessings of poverty. He told the poor of his congregation to be satisfied with their lot here and they would have corner lots in the New Jerusalem. It may be that you will hardly believe this statement, but the following are his exact words as reported by the Denver "Post": "The poor of earth will be the landlords in heaven, and the rich will be the tenants." I had hoped landlordism was to cease at death, but here comes a man who pretends to be the vicegerent of God on earth, who declares that we are to have landlordism in heaven, only those who have been poor tenants here, will be landlords there. Of course, men who represent the robber classes so completely as to do the hierarchy of the church could not possibly conceive of a society without landlordism, even in heaven. But this lying claim is put forth intentionally to deceive, in order to make the poor more content to be robbed and plundered on earth, by being solaced with the promise of getting even with their robbers in heaven.—Freeman Knowles, in "The Social Paradox."

Will not Take up The White Man's Burden

The charge is that "the Filipinos will not work." The sentence is not complete; it should be read: "The Filipinos will not work for foreigners." That is to say, they will not work for the vampire and the wolf whose sole intent is to amass wealth by the labor of others. This is a fact of which every Filipino ought to be proud, for it places

the Filipinos in marked contrast with all the peoples of the east, excepting Japan where a similar condition is found.

In India and China and in other eastern countries the "white man's burden" consists in making colossal fortunes out of the inadequately paid labor of the brown man.

But the Filipinos and the Japanese will not "take up the white man's burden;" they prefer to let the white man carry it himself, and hence his complaint.

The Hawaiian, the Indian and even the shrewd Chinaman are deceived by the professions of those who declare that "it is all for the brown man's benefit." But the Filipino knows that unless this philanthropy promises to yield 50 or 100 per cent profit it will never be put into practice.—Sixto Lopez and Thomas T. Patterson, in the Springfield Republican.

Democracy in Big Things Specialists for Details

The supposition that a man has to know what he is talking about in the scholarly sense seems to me quite ridiculous. It is like saying that a man ought to be a meteorologist before he is allowed to say to his friends that it is a fine day. Whether he understands meteorology or not, the day is fine to him; whether I understand political science or not, the "Times" leading articles are palpably ridiculous to me. About the really important things men have always claimed a common and general right to judge. Mankind has appointed solemn academies and created haughty aristocracies in order to settle the trifling things—heraldry, or Greek accents, or how to take off one's hat. But the things that were really serious were much too serious to be trusted to the educated classes. The man who talks about the weather is criticising something even more majestic than the "Times" articles. He is criticising the heavens themselves, the throne of the thunders of all the gods that men have feared.—G. K. Chesterton, in London Daily News.

Socialism and Incentive.

Joy of activity, joy of fame, joy of achievement, and joy of service—these are the joys that might play on the healthful, eager, sensitive organism and draw it into a due share in the great labor of the world. And it is claimed that they will not be sufficient under Socialism; that the fear of starvation must be added, or men, undeterred by vacant days or the pitying scorn of their fellows will yield themselves to luxurious indolence, because, forsooth, they know that society will treat them kindly as it would a stray cat, and will give them shelter and food. Such a contention is false to all faith in our common humanity; more than this it is false to the facts of human experience.—Vida Scudder, in Socialism and Spiritual Progress.

The article sent to many of the Socialist papers by Comrade Thos. Edward Will of Kansas can be no surprise to the true Socialists; it is written by a fusion, opportunist, sentimentalist windy Kansas mind, and not satisfied with a loud article without any facts or truths whatever he proceeds to ridicule in a personal way the position of the revolutionary Socialists. However it is nothing new to the writer to hear such as this from Kansas. It is the echo of the old populist movement when the hypnotic power of the "crown of thorns and cross of gold" caught up the fusionists and carried them into the camp of democratic oblivion. Were Mr. Will fair he would cut out this ridicule of a personal nature for any Socialist knows that the program as presented to the convention was a piece of intellectual hog wash.

The proposition of the Western Federation of Miners becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, takes on a two sided appearance. In the future it will be a fight of the non-Socialists lead by Gompers, a tool of the money power, to control the organization, and the Socialist element lead by intelli-

gence and truth. It is a ten to one bet that the rank and file, if it becomes affiliated with the A. F. L., will cut the suspenders of Gompers, et., al., of his stripe, and the mighty organization will then become an industrial labor organization in place of a trades automony as at the present. There is no doubt but that the spirit of the W. F. M., which is Socialism, will predominate in a short time.

The other day when President Roosevelt arrived home after a free trip at the expense of the laboring mules of this country, he stepped down from the coach and walking to the engine shook hands with the engineer and fireman. Guess he isn't a politician, eh? Why those wage slaves will swell up for six months and tell about that, how the president came to the engine to shake hands with them. We pity the man who would try to put a little Socialism into their heads after that hand shaking. In fact the hypnotic influence will extend further than just to the two.

Well the pope of the Catholic church has decided that women must not be allowed in the choir. This is civilization, and the good old Catholic ladies who have looked up to the man as being the real thing as the handiwork of God, will probably say amen. The next edict will probably be to put them out of the church, and the third one will be to give them the death proxies of the men to take their place in the hot regions. Easy for the men so long as the women will obey gracefully and cheerfully.

The Helena Independent published an editorial over the head "What Started the War," and then uses a whole column to tell what started it. The whole question could be answered in just one word—capitalists. And then in a very few words could tell why they started it. For profit was the reason they started it. In every war in the world the cause has been for profit and the capitalist has been the fellow to reap the profit while the poor laboring mule fought the battles.

Beginning next week the Montana News will contain a report of the Socialist State convention. This issue, we can give our readers very little matter relative as to what has been done, as the convention did not convene until Monday noon and some time must necessarily be spent in getting all preliminaries arranged ready to get down to business. However a stenographical report will be started in our next issue and continues from issue to issue until completed.

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